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- all students who were graduating from the University of Sofia were advised that they could not be absent for more than seven days from Sofia and their home address at any one time. The reason was their probable mobilization.
- 2. Many former Bulgarian Air Force officers who were dismissed from the service with the advent of the present regime are being recalled as instructors and supervisors. Most of these were former pilots.
- 3. The Bulgarian Reserve Officers School in Banki is filled to capacity.
- 4. Ground force reservists, tank corps reservists, and signal corps reservists have been called to active duty. No line or combat arm reservists have been recalled.
- 5. Certain specialists within the Bulgarian Army are being called to Sofia. Whether they are being called in for further training or as experts and instructors is not known. One such case is the recent arrival of a First Lieutenant Tihomir Nikolchev, who was transferred from a unit in Nevrokop to the Ministry of War in Sofia. His exact duties are not known, but he is alleged to be an expert in guerrilla warfare. He is a rabid Communist and since his arrival in Sofia has turned in several of his new neighbors to the Militia as unreliable.

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